Registry under Vembanad Reclamation Scheme.

120 * **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the registry of "R", "S" and "T" blocks of the Vembanad Reclamation Scheme was applied for by any individual;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, when it was applied for and who has applied ;

(*c*) the action taken on the application;

(*d*) the report or reports of the revenue authorities upon the application;

(*e*) the approximate area comprised in the said blocks ;

(*f*) the approximate *taravila* that the Government would obtain if the registry is sanctioned ;

(*g*) the approximate annual tax the area would fetch ; and

(*h*) the approximate quantity of paddy that could be raised on the area ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) :

(*a*) and (*b*) No. But registry of Q, S and T blocks of the Vembanad Reclamation was applied for by one Mr. M. T. Joseph of Murikummoottil House and S block alone by Mr. P. K. Gangadhara Panickar on 4-8-1934 and 29-7-1934, respectively.

(*c*) Necessary enquiries were made and Government ordered that the assignment of these blocks might lie over.

(*d*) The report was to the effect that the applications did not deserve consideration on the conditions offered by the applicants.

(*e*) 1,454 acres.

(*f*) No approximate estimate can be given. The application from Mr. M. T. Joseph was for registry of the lands free of *taravila* and the one from Mr. P. K. Gangadhara Panickar was for registry of the area for nominal *taravila*.

(*g*) Rs. 2,000 if calculated at the 13th *taram* wet assessment.

(*h*) About 1,53,000 *paras* of paddy, if the whole area is brought under cultivation.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : With reference to the answer to part (*f*), may I know whether Mr. M. T. Joseph had offered to take the land for reasonable *taravila* ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income-tax Commissioner*) : No ; his first offer was only for the registry of the land free of *taravila*. The other offer was for registry of the whole block at one rupee per acre.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether Mr. M. T. Joseph made a representation to Government that they may register the land in favour of whomsoever they like and that there were persons willing to pay *taravila* ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income-tax Commissioner*) : I do not think, Sir, he ever said so.

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MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): What is the interest of Mr. M. T. Joseph in the land being registered in favour of somebody else?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income-tax Commissioner*): None; he is interested in getting it registered in his name.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): (*Not heard*). May I know what action Government took on the representation made by the owners of the R block?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income-tax Commissioner*): The Chief Engineer has been told that gaps should be provided.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Does the figure, 1454 acres, given in part (*e*) of the answer, represent the total area of blocks R, S and T?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income-tax Commissioner*): No; it represents the area of blocks Q, S and T. R has already been registered. The member, presumably, has put R by mistake.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know the reason for not registering these lands?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Q was once registered; it was subsequently abandoned since, cultivation there proved to be unprofitable.

The "R" block of the Vembanad Reclamation Scheme.

121. ✻ MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the necessity of staying the construction of the 'R" block wall was brought to the attention of the Government by any party;

(*b*) the reasons stated in support of the prayer;

(*c*) the earliest date on which the prayer was made;

(*d*) the date on which the construction of the above wall was begun;

(*e*) the action taken by the Government on this representation; and

(*f*) the number of times this prayer was repeated?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The reason alleged was that the bunding of the northern boundaries of Q and T blocks and the western boundaries of T and S block could be completed at more or less the same cost as that of bunding the sides of the R block and that the proposed bund could be used as a portion of the newly contemplated road from Alleppey to Kottayam.

(*c*) 1-11-1110.

(*d*) No information is available.

(*e*) The prayer was rejected.

(*f*) Twice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to part (*b*), may I know the reasons for not accepting the offer?

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